had undertaken for the Railways during 1985-1988 is pending since long;

(b) whether steps have been taken to settle the dues of the said railway contractor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A contractor of Sahibganj by name Shri S. S. Ghosh has lodged claims with the Eastern Railway for works allegedly executed by him.

(b) to (d) The contractor was asked by the Eastern Railway to substantiate his claims, but the contractor has not done so.

Demands of CPWD Workers

1739. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 10th July, 1991 from CPWD Employees Workers' Union, Madras regarding various problems of Group C and D staff of CPWD regarding their pending settlement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to settle their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The main demand of this (unrecognised) union in the memorandum is for creation of posts of supporting staff for the newly opened offices, as a result of the first cadre review of Group 'A' Engineering services of the CPWD. A proposal for creation of posts of supporting staff had been taken up, a decision thereon had been deferred pending finalisation of revised workload norms by the SIU.

Memorandum submitted by Southern Construction Workers' Union, Cochin

1740. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 24th June, 1991 from Southern Railway Construction Workers' Union, Ernakulam, Cochin, addressed to the Executive Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam, regarding their strike notice dated the 1st March, 1991;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to settle them to avoid strike

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (See below)

(c) Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Ernakulam has already started conciliation proceedings, under the Industrial Disputes Act.

Statement

Demands

The demands made in the memorandum are given below in brief:

1. High rate of pay on re-engagement (Mr. K. G. Chandrasekharan Pillai and others—total 27).

2. 20 days of absence—revision of wages (Mr. P. BALAKRISHNAN and others—total 5).

3. Employees with 6 months continuous service—temporary status.
Difference of wages on C.P.C scale to be granted (Mr. A. C. Cheriyan and others—total 64).

4. Gangman disparity in wages (Mr. V. R. Balakrishnan and others —total 57).

5. Re-engaged employees—difference of wages to be granted to (Mr. G. Mohanan and others—total 30).